APPLICATION No.10/698,231 DANCING TOY LOLLIPOP

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What I claim as my invention is:



- 1. (Currently amended) A dancing toy lollipop comprising at least one edible component made of candy, attached to one end, hereafter referred to as top end, of a stick made of any suitable material, hereafter referred to as holding stick, while the opposite end of the holding stick is the grip portion of the stick held by the user's hand, wherein the edible component is provided with an interior cavity and said top end of said holding stick is provided with retaining means, so that the union between said edible component and said holding stick is articulated, in such a manner that said movable candy, hereafter referred to as movable candy, is free to move performing combined motions relative to said holding stick, in a sort of dancing like random movements, when the dancing toy lollipop is conveniently moved by the user.
- 2. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein the movable candy is provided with an interior cavity with at least one outer opening and said movable candy is manufactured as a separate component without an embedded stick, by a suitable conventional process, such as, but not limited to, injection of molten candy mass into a mold conveniently provided with removable cores to configure said interior cavity, which in turn is properly shaped to allow the withdrawal of the cores from the movable candy after the injection.

Claims 3-4: (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 5, wherein the interior cavity in the movable candy is configured like, but is not limited to, a hole with the shape of a truncated cone provided with an inwardly shrunk section consisting in an annular edge or lip protruding inwardly and forming a reduced opening or throat at the smallest cross section of said cavity, being said throat and said interior cavity conveniently configured to allow the insertion of the top end of the holding stick into the movable candy to complete the dancing toy lollipop.

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6. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 5, wherein, the interior cavity in the movable candy is provided with outer openings to opposite sides, and the upper outer opening of the cavity is closed by an edible plug securely fixed by, but not limited to, any edible adhesive, having said plug diverse colors, flavors and shapes.

7. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein, the movable candy is made of, but is not limited to, therapeutic products, and has different sizes, colors, flavors and shapes.

8. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein the holding stick is, but is not limited to, a thin elongated stick with round cross section with its top end provided with resilient retaining means appropriately configured and dimensioned to allow the insertion of said top end of said holding stick into the movable candy and to retain said movable candy attached to said top end of said holding stick with an articulated union, while the opposite end of said holding stick is held by the user's hand and performs as the grip portion of the holding stick, being said holding stick manufactured by any suitable process, such as, but not limited to, plastic injection into conveniently configured molds.

9. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 8, wherein the holding stick has one grip portion ramified in multiple top ends each provided with retaining means to which are attached with articulated unions movable candies with assorted shapes, colors and flavors.

Claim 10: (Cancelled)

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11. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claims 1 and 8, wherein the retaining means at the top end of the holding stick consist in, but are not limited to, two sets, one above the other, of two properly configured small resilient rounded protuberances, located at opposite sides of said top end of the holding stick, with an axial open slot creating an air gap along the longitudinal axis of said top end in the middle of the two opposite protuberances in both sets, while the cross section of said top end located between the upper and the lower sets of protuberances is a narrow section or neck, slightly smaller than the throat in the interior cavity of the movable candy, being the uppermost set of opposite protuberances able to collapse inwardly to a size substantially equal to the throat in the interior cavity of the movable candy, and when the dancing toy lollipop is completed, said opposite protuberances expanded are bigger than said throat but loosely accommodated inside said interior cavity, while the lower set of protuberances remains below the throat of said movable candy, which is thus engaged at the narrow section or neck between both sets of protuberances, in such a manner that said retaining means retain the movable candy attached to the holding stick with an articulated union, being said movable candy free to swivel, rotate and tilt in relation to the holding stick when the user moves the dancing toy lollipop.

Claims 12-13: (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein multiple movable candies are stacked onto a holding stick which, in addition to the retaining means at its top end, is provided with a stop that consists in, but is not limited to, a fixed thicker section shaped like a sphere located at an appropriate distance under the top end, and above the grip portion of said holding stick, in such a manner that said stop impede that the movable candies slide down and out of said holding stick.

Claim 15: (Cancelled)

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16. (Currently amended) A dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein the holding stick is, but is not limited to, a smooth round thin stick whose grip end is inserted through multiple movable candies which are stacked one above the other onto said holding stick whose top end is provided with a stop that consists, but is not limited to, in a fixed thickened section with spherical shape, to prevent the movable candies from sliding up and out of said holding stick, while a separate sliding retaining element is added under the lowest movable candy to keep said stacked movable candies from sliding down and out of the holding stick, being said separate sliding retaining element provided in turn with a hole substantially equal to the cross section of the holding stick to allow the insertion of said holding stick through said hole, and being said separate sliding retaining element conveniently locked onto the holding stick at the desired position by means of, but not limited to, a simple self locking resilient tight fit.

Claims 17-19: (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The dancing toy lollipop defined in claim 1, wherein the holding stick is washable and reusable, and is made of, but is not limited to, non-toxic plastic.

Claims 21-23: (Cancelled)